

ePortfolios at VCC

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What are ePortfolios?

An ePortfolio is a collection of (for example) essays, presentations, research papers, journal entries, images, videos, projects, blog entries, reports, hyperlinks etc...

They can be used for a variety of purposes:

- To demonstrate personal development
- To showcase completed work
- For assessment
- To facilitate reflection, self-awareness and lifelong learning

What are ePortfolios?

The ePortfolio platforms available are generally one of the following 'types':

- Stand-alone ePortfolio software
- An ePortfolio element embedded in a learning management system (LMS)

For example, Exabis is a plug-in for our Moodle LMS. Mahara is a stand-alone platform (but does have Moodle integration possibilities)

Why use ePortfolios?

ePortfolios are more than just computerized versions of paper-based portfolios

For example:

- Links can be made to websites and presentations
- Information can be edited and shared easily
- Development over time can be clearly shown

ePortfolios and Curriculum

Since ePortfolios can be used for many different purposes in a course or program the learning outcomes connected to them will vary widely

The literature indicates that the best practice for their use is to facilitate the progression of a student through a course or program (rather than as a static repository of student achievement)

ePortfolios in Education

Teacher candidates in UBC's Faculty of Education are required to create an ePortfolio

Nursing schools are increasingly using ePortfolios for teaching and learning (e.g. assessment of clinical competence in the UBC BSc Nursing program)

ePortfolios are being used as a foundation for a sequence of assignments in a 'Communication and Professional Development' course at Emory University

ePortfolios in Education

At the University of Guelph: “Every student, faculty and staff member ... has access to the ePortfolio tool within CourseLink.”

“...users have access to a private webspace where they can create, upload and organize **artifacts** and **reflections** from their experiences, whether they be related to academic, experiential, career, extracurricular or personal pursuits. These artifacts and reflections form the building blocks to build **web-based presentations** which can be shared with others within and outside of the University.”

ePortfolios in Education

Popularity of ePortfolios in post-secondary education has come in waves.

They seem to be popular again. Possible reasons include:

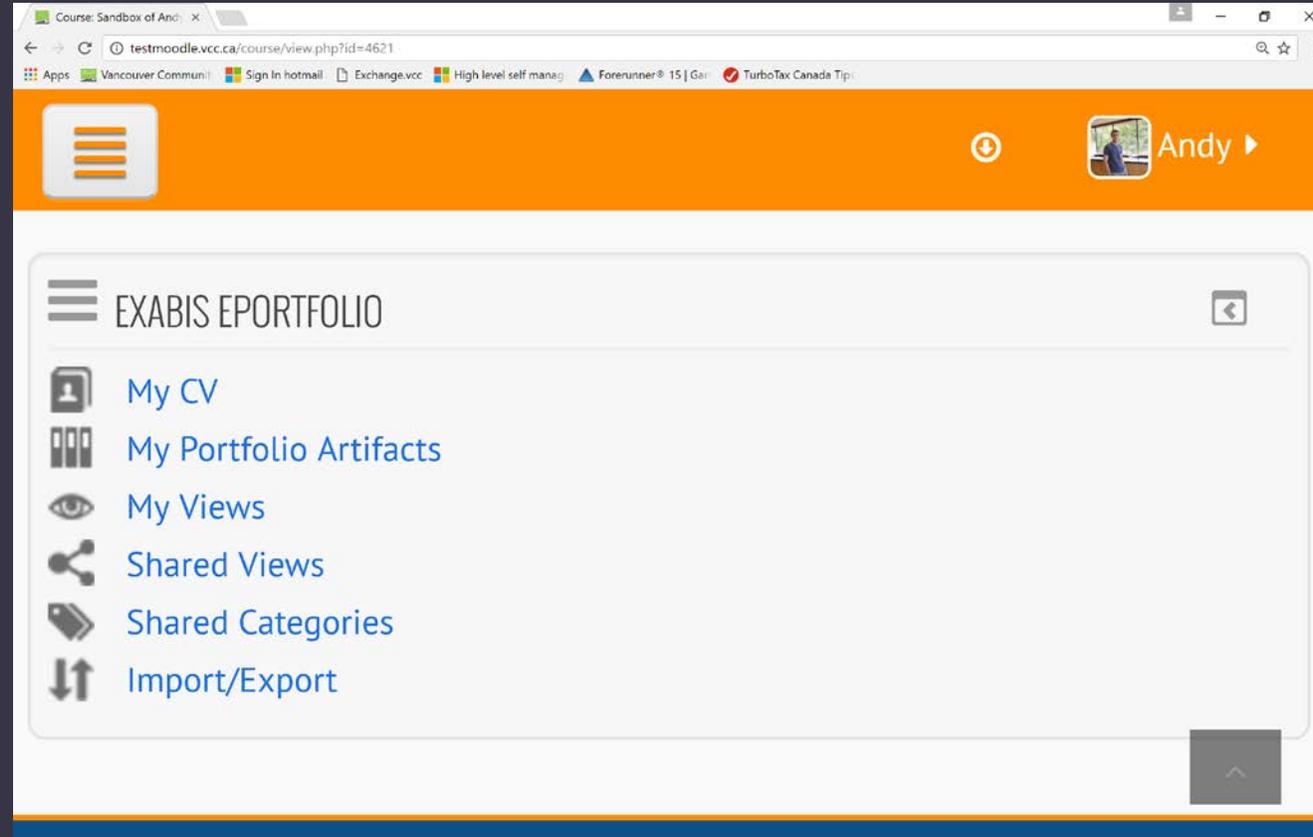
1. They put control of learning into the hands of students (as opposed to an LMS)
2. Many great platforms now exist which are more accessible for students and even allow customization

ePortfolios in Education

Challenges for ePortfolio use in education revolve around students being able to take them from K-12 to post-secondary to employment. That is,

1. Lack of portability
2. They are not user-owned
3. They are not interoperable with other learning systems

Exabis



Exabis: Uploading Artifacts

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "My Portfolio Artifacts" with the URL "testmoodle.vcc.ca/blocks/export/view_items.php?courseid=4621". The user is logged in as "Andy". The interface includes a navigation menu, a "Categories:" dropdown menu set to "Root Category", and four main upload options: "Category", "Link", "File", and "Note". Below these are "Change Layout:" options for "Tiles" and "Printer-friendly display". A table header is visible with columns for "Type", "Name", and "Date".

My Portfolio Artifacts

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Andy

Administrator.

Categories: Root Category

Category Link File Note

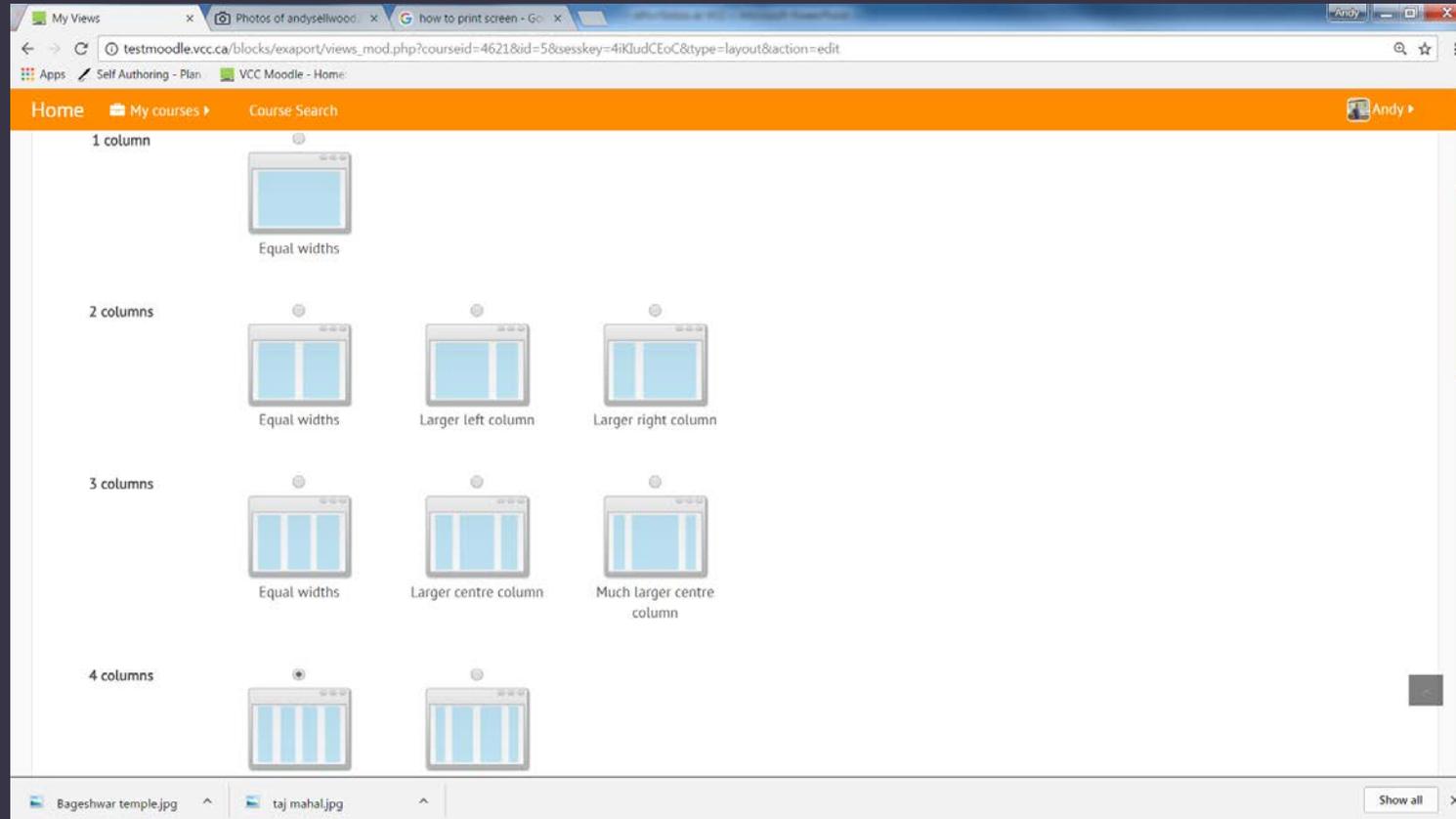
Change Layout: Tiles Printer-friendly display

Current Category: Root Category

Type	Name	Date
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Links

Exabis: View Layouts



Exabis: Adding Content to a View

The screenshot displays the Moodle Exabis 'My Views' editor interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'My courses', and 'Course Search'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Home > Exabis ePortfolio > My Views'. A series of tabs includes 'My CV', 'My Portfolio Artifacts', 'My Views', 'Shared Views', 'Shared Categories', and 'Import/Export'. Underneath, sub-tabs for 'Title and description', 'Layout', 'Content', and 'Share' are visible. A central area contains icons for various content types: user profile, document, checklist, flowchart, video, and a checkmark. The 'View Design' section below features a grid of content blocks, each with a title, type, category, and comment count. The blocks include: 'Personal Information' (Email: asellwood@vcc.ca), 'Item: CID home page' (Link: http://cid.vcc.ca/), 'Item: A note about Physics 1' (File, Category: PIDP 101), 'Item: Assignment 1' (File, Category: PIDP 103), 'Item: Assignment 2' (File, Category: PIDP 103), 'Item: Bageshwar Temple' (File, Category: Travel Pictures), and 'Item: Taj Mahal' (File, Category: Travel Pictures). A 'Show all' button is located at the bottom right of the content grid.

Exabis: A Finished View

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Moodle Exabis ePortfolio page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `testmoodle.vcc.ca/blocks/export/shared_view.php?courseid=1&access=id/459-5`. The page has an orange header with navigation links: Home, My courses, and Course Search. The user's name, Andy, is visible in the top right corner. Below the header, the page title is "Home Exabis ePortfolio Shared Views". A navigation bar contains tabs: My CV, My Portfolio Artifacts, My Views, Shared Views (selected), Shared Categories, and Import/Export. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Profile:** Displays the user's email `asellwood@vcc.ca` and a profile picture of a man in a blue shirt.
- Artifacts:** Lists two artifacts:
 - "CID home page" with the URL `cid.vcc.ca/` and a small globe icon.
 - "A note about Physics 1" with a document icon, a title, and a file size of 19.50 KB. The content describes a 30-hour course 'Physics 1' at VCC, mentioning its 15-week duration and lab sessions.
- Assignments:** Lists two assignments:
 - "Assignment 1" with a document icon and a file size of 22.00 KB.
 - "Assignment 2" with a document icon and a file size of 31.00 KB. The title is "Assignment 2 – Non-Projected Visual". The content includes a "Spider Map of 'Problem-Solving Strategy'; a graphic organizer" and an "Explanation of Content" section.
- Images:** Displays two images:
 - "Bageshwar Temple" with a photo of a temple entrance.
 - "Taj Mahal" with a photo of the Taj Mahal.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Show all" button and a small thumbnail gallery showing "Bageshwar temple.jpg" and "taj mahal.jpg".

Exabis: Sharing a View

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `testmoodle.vcc.ca/blocks/exaport/views_mod.php?courseid=4621&id=5&sesskey=VnLQsncuPP&type=share&action=edit`. The page title is "Exabis ePortfolio". The user is logged in as "Andy". The navigation menu includes "My CV", "My Portfolio Artifacts", "My Views", "Shared Views", "Shared Categories", and "Import/Export". The "Share" tab is selected, showing the "Sharing: External Access" section. The "External Access" checkbox is checked, and the URL `http://testmoodle.vcc.ca/blocks/exaport/shared_view.php?access=hash/459-7ab5b891` is displayed. Other options include "Share comments in external portfolio", "Internal Access", and "Share by Email".

My Views

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Exabis ePortfolio

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